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To: Harper, Cecelia [Harper.Cecelia@epa.gov]

Subject: RE: [SPAM-Sender] Update of State Assumption of the Federal Section 404 Dredge and Fill Permitting Authority

Interesting. Not 100% accurate, but interesting to see how this gets characterized. Thanks for sharing.

From: Harper, Cecelia

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Date: June 1, 2018 at 11:42:44 AM EDT

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Subject: [SPAM-Sender] Update of State Assumption of the Federal Section 404 Dredge and Fill

Permitting Authority

Reply-To: marketing1@birkitt.com





Dear Valued Clients,

We wanted to provide you with an update regarding the State Assumption of the Federal Section 404 Dredge and Fill Permitting Authority. Rule-making is underway, and changes to the process to obtain Federal Section 404 permits in Florida will be changing. It is anticipated that it will be rolled out prior to the election later this year. This change will likely affect the process for obtaining state permits as well. The objective of the change is to improve time to obtain permits from both the state and the federal government and to improve consistency between the approvals.

The key change is that the state will be assuming the Section 404 process and federal authorization will be provided under the State 404 Program - Chapter 62-331, F.A.C. This essentially means that in lieu of making application for federal 404 permits to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the application will be reviewed and processed by Florida Dept. of Environmental Protection (DEP) for non-navigable waters.

Please see this 404 Presentation Birkitt attended on May 30th with the latest status and information. We wanted to let you know that we are closely tracking this significant change, and will continue to provide updates as new information is released.

For any pending or new permit applications where permit issuance is not expected prior to November, we will be coordinating with the USACE, DEP and Water Management Districts closely to ensure that the changes do not affect timing of permit issuance.

Please contact Beverly Birkitt or Abbey Naylor directly if you would like to discuss further. There are still many unknowns regarding how this change will be rolled out, and what potential benefits and challenges may result from this change.

More soon,

Beverly and Abbey

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